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SUBJ: TOXIC SUBSTANCES AT OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 1483, (B) PARIS 12993 (NOTAL)

1. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, ON FIRST DAY OF ITS 22ND
PLENARY, GAVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO SUBSTANCE OF
STOCKHOLM MEETING ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES (REF A), AND
SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED THE 6 PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED
THERE AND LATER CONFIRMED BY OECD CHEMICALS GROUP
(REF B).

2. COMMITTEE ALSO REACHED GENERAL CONSENSUS ON
(1) NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING A SOLID, ONGOING CHEMICAL
GROUP PROGRAM AND (2) NEED TO DEVELOP SUPPLEMENTARY
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FUNDING (PART II) TO SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL, PRIORITY
WORK ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES ISSUES (E.G. GOOD LABORATORY
PRACTICES, CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA). FINAL DETAILS
OF BREAKDOWN BETWEEN PART I AND II ACTIVITIES STILL
TO BE RESOLVED WHEN ISSUE TAKEN UP AGAIN ON SECOND
OR THIRD DAY OF MEETING. ALSO STILL TO BE RESOLVED
IS FINAL MECHANISM FOR A STEERING GROUP TO OVERSEE

TOTAL CHEMICALS EFFORT. THERE IS CONCERN IN SOME COUNTRIES ABOUT ANY SUCH HIGH LEVEL GROUP BEING TOO INDEPENDENT OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SCENARIO WHICH WILL GIVE THE GROUP THE FREEDOM OF ACTION NECESSARY IN THIS FAST MOVING FIELD BUT AT SAME TIME KEEP COMMITTEE IN THE LOOP.
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